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A BALANCED VIEW

Pittsburgh Convention --- Just Around The Corner

By now each of you has received information and the registration form for the ISASC convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from May 30 to June 3, 2002. I hope that you can make it to Pittsburgh. Les Firth and Ben Smith, this year's Co-Chairmen, have planned a series of meetings and activities that will be outstanding.

The visits to the Mary Anne Murphy home and collection, the Bill Everett collection, and the Frank Lloyd Wright works of Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob alone are "worth the price of admission".

I mentioned in a previous newsletter that I thought the assortment of scales in the Silent Auction at the Chicago convention were the best, and most unusual, that I had seen in the ten conventions that I have I have attended. After I stated that, I received Emails from some long-time members agreeing with me. What is exciting, though, is that some members have told me that they plan to bring some pieces for the auction that are also very unusual.

Election Results --- And This Year's Election

Last September we sent out ballots for the election of Officers for four of the six seats on the Board of Directors. Approximately fifty percent of you returned your ballots. I am told that is an excellent "voter return" for a mail balloting. As you may recall, Vice President Ruth Willard and Treasurer Edward Konowitz were up for reelection for terms that ran to December 31, 2003, and Vice Presidents Steven Beare and Gerald Wilson were up for

reelection for terms that go to December 31, 2004. All four were unanimously reelected for their respective terms. Both personally and on behalf of the total membership, I want to thank all four for agreeing to remain on the board and continue their outstanding service.

The terms of the remaining two seats of the Board of Directors and the office of President expire at the end the current calendar year, December 31, 2002. The Board seats are currently held by Vice President Jerry Katz and Secretary Norman Chima. I currently hold the Office of President. Jerry, who has been most generous with his time working on Society matters, says that he will be a candidate for reelection.

After five years of outstanding service to the membership, Norm has announced that he will not be a candidate for reelection at the end of this year when his term is up. In accordance with the Society's By-Laws I will be asking people to serve on a nominating committee for all of the upcoming seats. The committee will be chaired by Gerald Wilson. Any person who would like to serve on the committee or who would like to be a candidate for the Board of Directors should contact me.

Regional Meeting -- Northern California

On Saturday October 20, 2001, as a result of the outstanding efforts of Ralph and Pat Bergmann, there was a great meeting of Northern California (and one Nevadan) Society members at the University of California Faculty Club in Berkeley, California. Nineteen people attended. After the meeting and luncheon, we went to Bil Doniger's house in the Berkeley hills to see his incredible collection. A fascinating highlight of the morning meeting was a slide presentation by William James from Orinda, California. Several years ago Bill was an exchange student in Afghanistan. It was there that he bought, if not his first scale, one of his first scales. His series of slides showed the country in its rugged beauty prior to

the invasion of the Russians. He took many shots of the market places, shops, and the people. He had one shot of the scale that he ended up buying. His presentation was enjoyed by all of us.

On behalf of all of us who attended, thank you Ralph and Pat.

Many Thanks To Eric Newman

As many of you know Eric Newman co-authored with George Mallis the book "United States Coin Scales and Mechanical Counterfeit Coin Detectors". Eric has generously offered to share with ISASC the proceeds from the sale of the book. For those of you who have not seen the book, it is a very high quality technical and informative book that would be a fine addition to any member's library. You can obtain a copy from Jerry Wilson.

See you in Pittsburgh,

Tom Dooley

Tom Dooley, President
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